

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
February 8, 2006
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Dana Tranberg for Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair | Mark Johnson, Guadalupe |
| Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair | Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park |
| # Janine Solley for George Hoffman, Apache Junction | Christopher Brady, Mesa |
| Charlie McClendon, Avondale | * Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley |
| Carroll Reynolds, Buckeye | John Wenderski for Terry Ellis, Peoria |
| * Jon Pearson, Carefree | Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix |
| * Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek | # Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek |
| Mark Pentz, Chandler | * Bryan Meyers, Salt River |
| * B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage | Pima-Maricopa Indian Community |
| Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation | Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise |
| Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills | Will Manley, Tempe |
| + Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend | Reyes Medrano, Tolleson |
| * Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community | Shane Dille, Wickenburg |
| George Pettit, Gilbert | Mark Fooks, Youngtown |
| Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear | Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT |
| | David Smith, Maricopa County |
| | David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA |

- * Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
- # Participated by telephone conference call.
- + Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jan Dolan at 12:10 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice Chair Dolan announced that Cynthia Seelhammer, Tim Pickering, and Janine Solley as proxy for George Hoffman, were attending via teleconference; Lynn Farmer was attending via videoconference. Vice Chair Dolan stated that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage. Vice Chair Dolan stated that a

memorandum and table regarding updated Census Survey costs for agenda item #5E, revised summary transmittals reflecting the recommendations of the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee for agenda items #5H and #5I, the addendum to the agenda, item #5J, and the legislative bill summary chart for agenda item #8, were at each place.

3. Call to the Audience

Vice Chair Dolan stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Vice Chair Dolan noted that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations. Vice Chair Dolan stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, comment cards were available from the staff.

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who stated that she took a natural gas bus to the meeting and expressed thanks for the transit tickets. Ms. Barker commented that the transit voice activation system does not recognize all voices and suggested that at least one live person be available to take calls during business hours. Ms. Barker stated that buses are getting filled to the maximum capacity. She stated that nationally, growth is slowing, but is not in Arizona, which puts a tremendous demand on transportation. Ms. Barker requested that MAG look at contractors making realistic bids. Because of the national slowdown in growth, there will be more jobs here and it is MAG's job to get them around. She stated that citizens retain documents and referred to one she had kept since 1990. Ms. Barker stated that she went to Sun City on her bike and the bus. She said that citizens are concerned about trucks on Beardsley. There are 26 mining operations in the area and it looks like there is no dust control enforcement. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment from Joe Ryan, who submitted a written document that was entered into the permanent record. Mr. Ryan stated that the propaganda that light rail is less expensive than elevated rail is a lie. Mr. Ryan spoke about the economic losses incurred by light rail that are not reported. Mr. Ryan's three minutes expired and he requested additional time. Vice Chair Dolan granted him extra time. Mr. Ryan stated that legislation should be overturned that says the price for right-of-way taken for a roadway is at the worth after the roadway is built. Mr. Ryan noted that federal regulations says you cannot do that and must pay the value at the time the land is condemned. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Ryan for his comments.

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment from William Crowley, who commented on the list of air quality exceedances and warnings. Mr. Crowley stated that legislation says that buses have an exemption on idling time and are allowed to idle up to an hour, longer than other vehicles. He said he wanted the Legislature to allow Maricopa County to change this rule. Mr. Crowley stated that the region has 6,914 bus stops and only 1,874 are sheltered. He stated that funds are going to cover park and rides, because it is more important to shelter cars than people. Mr. Crowley commented that the Canamex document says the corridor will be going through

Phoenix. He pointed out a route using utility easements so that Canamex will not go by schools and golf courses. Mr. Crowley asked if this route was included in the modeling. Some of the MAG agenda material do not include comments he made at RPTA meetings. Mr. Crowley commented that bus operating hours total 2,300,000 hours, but only 1,800,000 hours are revenue hours. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith reported that the Desert Peaks Awards will be held on June 28, 2006 at the Arizona Club. He said that the nomination forms were mailed out at the end of January and are due to MAG on March 31, 2006.

Mr. Smith stated that the Best Practices for Dust Control Workshop will be held February 10, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the Saguaro Room. There will be discussion on best practices for dust control being utilized by the Cities of Mesa, Peoria and Phoenix.

Mr. Smith introduced a new MAG employee, Steve Smith, who is the Database Administrator in the Information Services division of MAG. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Smith for his report. No comments from the Committee were noted.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Dolan stated that public comment would be heard before action was taken on the consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the Committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Vice Chair Dolan stated that agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, and #5J were on the consent agenda.

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment from Ms. Barker, who commented on agenda item #5J. She said that she would like better information on the selection process. Ms. Barker commented that it seems that contracts are awarded to only a few firms, and DMJM+Harris is one of those. She suggested having a citizen serve on the evaluation teams. Ms. Barker stated that she was interested in the selection criteria and see if it follows guidelines. This would give a basis as to why a firm was chosen and reassure citizens that the firm is qualified. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who stated that he had only three minutes to comment on 13 agenda items. He stated that he could not comment on agenda item #7 when it was presented because it was not for action. Mr. Crowley commented on agenda item #5D. He said that the road he uses to go to Agua Caliente is a dirt road and that road, along with some of the undeveloped paths he uses, probably creates dust. Mr. Crowley stated that agenda item #5B is worth three minutes of comment itself. He questioned whether all of the municipalities had contributed their shares for the service grants. Mr. Crowley noted that most do not have to pay more than \$3,000 and urged payment because they need the money. Mr. Crowley stated that he made comments at the Transportation Review Committee meeting

that should have been reflected in the Management Committee agenda material but are not. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that he did not want to remove an item, but wanted to comment on agenda item #5D. He stated that he was supportive of the projects but he wanted to encourage staff and committees to target CMAQ funding on projects where the highest impact on our serious particulate problem would be made.

With no further discussion of the consent agenda, Vice Chair Dolan called for a motion to recommend approval of consent agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, and #5J. Mr. Manley moved, Mr. Fairbanks seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5A. Approval of January 11, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the January 11, 2006 meeting minutes.

5B. Consultant Selection for the MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Traffic Engineering and Transportation Safety On-Call Services Request for Qualifications

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selected list of consultants for the ITS/TE and Transportation Safety on-call services, for amounts not to exceed the following: (1) Traffic Engineering (\$300,000, approximately ten projects); (2) ITS Planning (\$400,000, three projects); (3) ITS Operations Planning (\$200,000, one project); (4) ITS Training (\$18,000, one project); (5) ITS Evaluation (\$68,000, two projects); (6) Traffic Data Collections Systems (\$20,000, one project); (7) Transportation Safety, Phase 1 (\$50,000, one project); (8) Transportation Safety - Phase 2 (\$120,000, one project); (9) Transportation Safety - Phase 3 (\$150,000, one project). The 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program includes 21 projects to be implemented in nine areas of technical expertise (ITS, Traffic Engineering and Transportation Safety) over a two-year span. These projects will be executed through on-call consultant contracts with qualified consultants. A request for qualifications in the nine areas of expertise was advertised on October 16, 2005. Proposals were received from 13 consultant teams with their qualifications in ITS and Traffic Engineering. Eight of these teams also submitted qualifications in Transportation Safety. Two multi-jurisdictional panels evaluated the proposals and recommended to MAG the selection of a number of qualified consultant teams in each of the areas of expertise. The MAG Transportation Safety Committee and the MAG ITS Committee recommended approval.

5C. ADOT Red Letter Process

In June of 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the ADOT Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications from July 1, 2005, to December 31, 2005. Upon request any of the notices can be removed from the consent agenda and returned for action at a future meeting. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion. ADOT received 603 Red Letter notifications in the period from July 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005, of which 76 could

potentially impact the Regional Freeway System (attached). In addition to the 76 separate examples attached, ADOT has requested plans review on an additional 253 notifications and on an additional 45 notifications, a complete set of plans for the development were requested. The 253 additional notices included zoning changes and/or general plan amendments that would put future developments adjacent or very close to ADOT right-of-way that would cause concerns. The 45 additional notices were close enough to ADOT right-of-way that a set of plans was necessary to determine any impact to ADOT facilities. The ADOT Red Letter coordinator also received 35 telephone, mail, and/or email notifications of possible impact to the State Highway System. The 35 telephone, mail, and/or email notifications consisted of 19 notifications on the Estrella Corridor, 303 Loop, 10 on the South Mountain, 202 Loop, and six on the I-10 Reliever.

5D. Selection of CMAQ Funded Dirt Road Paving Projects for FY 2007

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval that Cave Creek receive \$250,000 for various unpaved roads; Chandler receive \$325,000 to pave Commonwealth Avenue; Hamilton Street to McQueen Road; and the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation receive \$775,000 for various unpaved roads. In addition, these projects should be added to the MAG federally funded program for FY 2007 in the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. A total of \$1.35 million in CMAQ funds has been programmed in FY 2007 for the paving of dirt roads in the MAG Region. Following a selection process that was carried out in September and October 2005, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC) has recommended that the following projects to utilize the funds available: Cave Creek (\$250,000 for various unpaved roads); Chandler (\$325,000 for Commonwealth Avenue; Hamilton Street to McQueen Road); and Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (\$775,000 for various unpaved roads). The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval.

5E. Status Report on 2005 Census Survey

At the December 3, 2003 Regional Council meeting, the MAG Regional Council approved conducting a 2005 Census Survey and a full count of population in group quarters at an estimated cost of \$7.5 million. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has authorized MAG to use FHWA funds assigned to MAG to cover a portion of the estimated cost, while the remaining estimated cost will be incurred by MAG member agencies. The Census Bureau final costs will be based upon total expenses incurred by the Census Bureau and will be determined after the work is completed in May 2006. Other census costs have been incurred, including an increase to the Census Bureau's original cost estimate (increase estimated at \$200,000), the regionwide media campaign (estimated at \$230,000) and the setup and maintenance of the local census office (estimated at \$170,000), for a total estimated cost increase of \$600,000. In preliminary discussions with FHWA, they have agreed that MAG FHWA funds may be used for 50 percent of the additional costs. The table provides an estimated cost allocation by jurisdiction for the additional 2005 Census Survey costs. It assumes that MAG FHWA funds will pay half of the costs (\$300,000) and the remaining (\$300,000) will be paid by member agencies. The procedure for allocating the 2005 Census Survey costs will be in accordance with the method developed by the MAG Subcommittee on 2005 Population Options and approved by the Regional Council in December 2003. In addition, the final costs will be based upon the results of the Census Survey and will be recalculated in accordance with the same cost allocation

method. The table is an estimate only and intended for use by member agencies during their budgeting process. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

5F. Status Update on the June 30, 2005 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2005. The public accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. An unqualified audit opinion was issued on January 13, 2006 on the financial statements of governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. The independent auditors' report on compliance, with the requirements applicable to major federal award programs, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Single Audit. The Single Audit report indicated there were no reportable conditions in MAG's internal control over financial reporting considered to be material weaknesses, no instances of noncompliance considered to be material and no questioned costs. No new or repeat Management Letter comments were issued for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005.

5G. Social Services Block Grant Recommendations FY 2006-2007

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the priority needs, services, and funding recommendations for FY 2006-2007 to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Economic Security. Under a planning contract with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), the MAG Human Services Planning program annually researches and solicits input on human services needs in the MAG region. Services funded by the Social Services Block Grant include assistance to the most vulnerable people in our region. Each year, the MAG Human Services Planning program makes funding recommendations for more than \$4 million in the areas of adults, families and children; people with disabilities; people with developmental disabilities; and elderly. The MAG Human Services Technical Committee met on January 26, 2006 to determine and make a recommendation on the priority needs, services, and funding recommendations for FY2006-2007.

5H. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Trillium West Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Trillium West Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Town of Buckeye has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Trillium West Wastewater Treatment Facility with an ultimate capacity of 11 million gallons per day. Reclaimed water from the facility would be disposed of through reuse, recharge, and an Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit discharge to the Hassayampa River or the Wagner Wash. The Maricopa County unincorporated area is within three miles of the project, and the County has indicated they do not object to the

facility. On February 7, 2006, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee conducted a public hearing on the Draft MAG 208 Plan Amendment and recommended approval.

5I. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Palo Verde Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Discharge to the Roosevelt Irrigation District Canal

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Palo Verde Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Discharge to the Roosevelt Irrigation District Canal. The Town of Buckeye has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Palo Verde Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Discharge to the Roosevelt Irrigation District Canal. The Maricopa County unincorporated area is within three miles of the project, and the County has indicated they do not object to the amendment. On February 7, 2006, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee conducted a public hearing on the Draft MAG 208 Plan Amendment and recommended approval.

5J. Consultant Selection for the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of DMJM+Harris to conduct the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study for an amount not to exceed \$500,000. In October 2005, the Regional Council approved an amendment to the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include funding for the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study. The purpose of the study is to develop a roadway framework plan for connections to the Interstate and other regional roadways, including US-60/Grand Avenue, SR-85, Bell Road, and SR-303L/Estrella Freeway. A request for proposals was advertised and four responses were received. A multiagency review panel reviewed the proposals and recommended to MAG that the firm DMJM+Harris be selected to conduct the study for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

6. Grand Avenue Major Investment Study - Phase II

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who asked where the bike facilities would be across I-17, across Grand Avenue, at 27th Avenue, and at 35th Avenue. Mr. Crowley said that the agenda material says no public comment, but he spoke at the Citizens Action Committee about having the bike part. He expressed thanks to Mary O'Connor and Mike who asked where the bike part was. Mr. Crowley stated there are bike facilities at 55th Avenue but you would be lucky if you do not get hit by a car. He said he did not know why the City of Glendale thinks he is a second class citizen because he does not pollute. Mr. Crowley stated that a tunnel under I-17 at Osborn is opposed by the neighborhood because residents feel it will bring in a criminal element. He said that he saw it as a way to get people into the Central City. Mr. Crowley said that simultaneously with light rail, a tunnel could have been constructed at Central and Grand that could be lighted and monitored because there will be surveillance anyway. He stated that he was on the Alhambra Village Planning Committee, who said to do

bicycle and pedestrian on Grand Avenue and not as an afterthought. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Trent Kelso, HDR, provided a report on the Grand Avenue Major Investment Study - Phase II, for improvements along Grand Avenue between Loop 101 and McDowell Road. Mr. Kelso reviewed the study process that included public and agency involvement, evaluating environmental and socioeconomic conditions, evaluating existing, programmed, and planned facilities, identifying issues and needs, evaluating alternatives and analyses, and recommending improvements.

Mr. Kelso stated that funding for Grand Avenue improvements is programmed for \$151.7 million in the Regional Transportation Plan—in Phase 1 for \$31.1 million, Phase 2 for \$21 million, and Phase 4 for \$99.6 million. Mr. Kelso stated that improvements were recommended in four categories—grade separations, intersection improvements, access management, and community mitigation.

Mr. Kelso stated that the grade separation improvements include Bethany Home Road under Grand Avenue, 19th Avenue over McDowell Road and Grand Avenue, Grand Avenue under 35th Avenue/Indian School Road, for a total estimated cost in 2005 dollars of \$89.2 million in Phase 4.

Mr. Kelso stated that intersection improvements at Grand Avenue/Peoria Avenue and Grand Avenue/83rd Avenue, Grand Avenue/31st Avenue/Osborn Road, and dual left turn lanes at 19th Avenue and at Myrtle Avenue were recommended at an estimated cost of \$15 million in 2005 dollars.

Mr. Kelso stated that the study also examined access management and recommended improvements that included closing 18 median crossovers, reconfiguring 10 minor intersections to right-in/right-out, removing 91 unused driveways, constructing nine right-turn only and auxiliary lanes, potentially constructing frontage roads, purchasing groups of parcels for access reconfiguration. Mr. Kelso advised that construction of the nine right-turn only and auxiliary lanes will require substantial right-of-way, including approximately 30 total takes along the corridor.

Mr. Kelso stated that community mitigation was considered. Recommended improvements include landscaping and screen walls on the non-railroad side in four-foot and ten-foot buffers from SR 101L to 43rd Avenue, sidewalks on the non-railroad side for the entire corridor, median landscaping for the entire corridor, landscaping and screen walls or concrete barriers on the railroad side for the entire corridor, new street lighting on both sides for the entire corridor, utility undergrounding at specific locations, and improved intersection aesthetics at select intersections. Mr. Kelso noted that the total cost for access management and community mitigation is estimated at \$47.5 million in 2005 dollars. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Kelso for his report and asked members if they had questions.

Mr. Buskirk asked when the cost estimates were prepared. Mr. Kelso replied that they were prepared recently. He added that they used 2005 dollars and took into account the recent cost increases being experienced in the Valley.

Mr. Cleveland asked how pedestrian and bicycle improvements were addressed in the study. Mr. Kelso stated that attached and detached sidewalks would be constructed for pedestrians. Whether they are attached or detached depends on the right-of-way available. For bicycle, the focus is to allow the safe passage across Grand Avenue, rather than along Grand Avenue. Mr. Cleveland asked if the crossovers were the solution for getting across Grand Avenue. Mr. Kelso replied that the 55th Avenue and Maryland overpass that Mr. Crowley mentioned was developed with bicycle lanes, but grade separations at major arterials were not designed for bike crossings. Mr. Cleveland asked if he could speak to the tunnel at I-17 and Osborn Road. Mr. Kelso replied that he did not have that information.

Vice Chair Dolan stated that upon approval, the proposed package of projects on Grand Avenue would be included in the ADOT Freeway/Highway Life Cycle Program. She noted that the Transportation Review Committee had recommended approval.

Mr. Fairbanks moved to recommend approval of the proposed package of projects on Grand Avenue between SR 101L and McDowell Road for inclusion in the ADOT Freeway/Highway Life Cycle Program. Mr. Buskirk seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Becky Kimbrough, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, reviewed the items included in the agenda packet. She said that the draft budget timeline was updated to reflect two newly scheduled budget meetings. The Budget Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2006, and the Intermodal Planning Group meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2006. Ms. Kimbrough noted that the invitation to the Budget Workshop was included as Attachment Six.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the draft Dues and Assessments have not changed from last year, but may be revised when the Census numbers are received later in the Spring. The proposed Solid Waste Assessment is expected to remain at \$10,000 for FY 2007 as no additional activity is anticipated. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the proposed construction inflation factor for the estimated dues and assessments is set at seven percent. ADOT is expected to issue the final construction inflation factor in late February and the estimated dues and assessments will be updated at that time.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that Attachment Three is the draft estimate of projected funding sources and uses for FY 2007. She referred to Attachment Four, "MAG Programs in Brief," which includes a summary of proposed new projects, a comparison of 2005 actual, 2006 budgeted, and 2007 proposed numbers. Ms. Kimbrough noted that Attachment Five is a detailed narrative of proposed new projects. She stated that the FY 2007 budgeted operating expenditures are estimated at \$7.7 million. The total proposed FY 2007 budget with carry forward is estimated at \$28.9 million, a reduction from last year because the Community Emergency Notification

System project and the 2005 Census Survey are winding down. She said that the overall operating budget increased due to an increase in the ASRS rate, an increase in budgeted health care costs of 22 percent and an overall budgeted increase in salaries of five percent. Ms. Kimbrough stated there is also a budget increase of approximately \$100,000 for replacing capital equipment. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Ms. Kimbrough for her report and asked members if they had questions.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that the budget had been prepared with a tremendous level of professionalism. He asked if the process for assumptions on inflation and staff growth had been conducted by contacting member agencies or if it was internal. Ms. Kimbrough explained that member agencies are surveyed. She added that she has surveyed 11 member agencies.

Mr. Fooks asked if funds beyond the \$300,000 would be allocated to the Commuter Rail Study. Dennis Smith stated that the Commuter Rail Stakeholders Group will develop the scope of work, which in turn, will determine the final dollar amount.

David Smith asked how the agenda was set and who was invited to speak and attend the Human Services Retreat. Amy St. Peter, MAG Human Services Manager, stated that the agenda is set through the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee, chaired by Maricopa County Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox. She said that invitees will include committee members, technical staff, and the general public.

8. Legislative Update

Dennis Smith provided an update on legislation. He said that since discussion of legislation with the Intergovernmental Representatives, SB 1248 was added to the bill summary. He added that because it has not yet been discussed with the Intergovernmental Representatives, the bill is being monitored. Mr. Smith advised that of the nine bills being tracked, seven are related to bonding, acceleration, or funds from the general fund to help with transportation issues. Mr. Smith commented that getting general fund money into transportation is positive.

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who asked how he could get MAG to say to a Senator that he needs a strikeall. Mr. Crowley stated that light rail needs to cross I-17. He noted that a map in the hallway shows a future pl transit center at 25th Avenue and Mountain View, which will require a shuttle. Mr. Crowley referenced the Work Program. He asked if it would take the Legislature to tell you what to do. Mr. Crowley stated that the consultant on the Grand Avenue improvements has been told for two and one-half years that bicycle needs to be addressed. He stated that he did not know if he could support Representative Nelson's bill. You need to start looking at the West side to get the equation fixed. Mr. Crowley stated that it was too bad he could not speak on item #7. TEA-21 says to be proactive. He said that MAG makes me feel welcome sometime, but what about others? He stated that the idling bill needs to be changed. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

9. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

David Smith stated that the amendments to the Intergovernmental Agreements for the Reciprocal Borrowing Agreements have been finalized. He noted that the agreement allows for a \$24.50 reimbursement this year and \$29 next year. Mr. Smith urged member agencies to submit their amendments for processing. Mr. Smith also noted that \$1.5 million in databases will be purchased and made available to member agencies.

David Smith stated that the County Manager for Clark County, Nevada, invited Maricopa County representatives to learn about their successful air quality program. He said that the County wants to be in a better position than this year with best practices in air quality.

Shane Dille welcomed everyone to attend the Wickenburg Gold Rush Days this weekend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary